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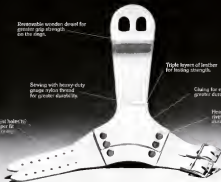
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Frank L. Bare
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The last year has been a significant one for the USGF. We had the great fortune to find Dial Soap, and to have enjoyed our first national sponsorship ever. Almost as if, it seems in retrospect our success internationally began to turn immediately after the Dial sponsorship began. We began to win medals for the first time in nations where previously we did not. High scores were seen in the USA . . . even a perfect 10.00 at the women's nationals and gold medals seemed to be destined for USA gymnasts in various international events.

Then in Strasbourg, the serious question was posed. What will happen to the USA in France. The teams, did not have the best of championships. Kurt Thomas did not have 'his' day, far from it. But they all held together and moved upward in the world of gymnastics. The gold medals, the bronze medals, the fourth place team position for men, the fifth ranking for women.

1978 was a good year for gymnastics. As the year comes to a close we can all look back and hopefully forget the difficult times that marked the year and remember the positive progress that has been recorded for gymnastics. Names change, and routines change and events change to a large degree, but gymnastics remains a beautiful and challenging sport as it was for hundreds of years . . . only now millions of people appreciate what hundreds used to watch.

Your USGF staff wishes to take this opportunity to extend to all our readers and



members, all who make up the sport, the happiest of holiday seasons and a very happy 1979.

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Triangular Meet

Dr. Chic Johnson

On Monday morning, October 30th, following the conclusion of competition at the World Games, the women's team from the USA departed for Luxembourg. The team was to put on an exhibition in Luxembourg on Nov. 1st, and then head for Switzerland where they would take part in a triangular competition between South Africa, Switzerland and the USA.

The team took a train from Strasbourg to Luxembourg, arriving late afternoon on Monday. We had dinner, then went to our hotel where we had time to rest up for a short time. That evening we had a reception at the Mayor's reception room where we met a delightful group of citizens from Luxembourg. The people were extremely pleasant and thrilled that the USA had done so well in the competition in Strasbourg. The exhibition by the USA was a major event for Luxembourg, and the hospitality and graciousness of the people attested to that fact. It was impossible for these people to do enough for the contingent. Every courtesy was extended, and the comfort and pleasure of the gymnasts was the first order of business.

Wednesday, November 1st, a brief "walk-through" session was held and the final preparations for the exhibition were concluded. Although the early stages of the exhibition went a bit rough, the gymnasts performed marvelously well from that point on and the exhibition proved an immense success. There were a number of dignitaries present, and the sponsors of the event were delighted. This was a meaningful experience for Luxembourg, and I'm certain that the gymnasts from the USA learned a great deal about the responsibility they have to carry. Another marvelous dinner was planned

Switzerland - South Africa - USA

for our contingent and the evening was especially pleasant.

On Thursday morning, November 2nd we departed Luxembourg for Switzerland . . .

We were a sorry group as we lugged far too many suitcases to the train station, having to throw these on the train, cart them around stations, and pray that they did not get lost enroute. We journeyed to Basel where we were met by our hosts from Ruswil, a small village about fifteen miles outside of Lucern, Switzerland. The ride to Ruswil took about two hours by private cars from Basel. The countryside was very attractive, but the weather, which was overcast and rainy, curtailed what might otherwise have been an exceptionally beautiful trip. We arrived in Ruswil around 5:30 pm, very tired and quite anxious for a good night's sleep. This was to be delayed somewhat, for our hosts had planned a fondue dinner with the gymnasts from the South African delegation. This proved to be quite enjoyable, both the meal and the camaraderie that followed.

The meet was to be compulsory-optional. The compulsory routines were to be thrown Friday evening, and the optionals on Saturday evening. The team had a short practice session on Friday morning, and then had the remainder of the day to themselves. The village of Ruswil was lovely. It was quaint, had a large church rather over-looking the entire village, and the houses were very attractive. The village center reminded me of some of the small towns in upstate New England. The weather continued to be overcast (as it was most all of the time during our entire stay in Europe), and now a heavy fog lay over the lowlands. Still, there was enchantment everywhere . . . the architecture, the constant chimes of the cowbells, the twisty, winding roads, the flowers which seemed to be everywhere . . . all lent a beauty and magnificence to the area that was exceptionally pleasing

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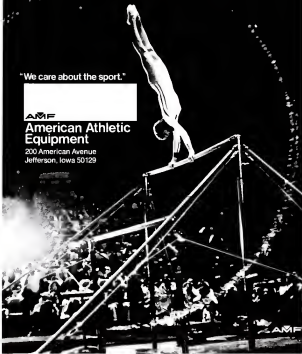



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Switzerland, South Africa, USA continued

Marcia Frederick would not compete in the meet due to a severely strained ankle, which had been bothering her for some time. However, Marilyn Chapman filled in more than admirably for her. Marcia did perform her bar routine, both compulsory and optional, and this was a great thrill for the audience to see a gold medal winner in action. Although the gymnasts would warrant a let-down following the World Games - and then with all the traveling that they did, but such was not the case. If there were anything anti-climatic about this meet you could not tell it by the performance of the USA gymnasts. The girls did a magnificent job, taking a lead of some eight points over the Swiss, and twice that over the South Africans, following the first night of competition.

On Saturday, the USA gymnasts continued their fine performances (all but beam, which proved their undoing in Strasbourg also). The final score of the meet was USA 379.95; Swiss - 365.00; and South Africa - 352.00.

As a final thought, Marilyn Chapman should be especially commended for the role that she played in the success of the team. Marilyn was the alternate for the World Games team and she was of immense help in the preparation of the team for competition, assisting the teammates on the podium, contributing to the harmony and interaction of the team—and as a valuable performer in Switzerland. It is difficult to say enough about the role that Marilyn played, but I suspect that she was the most valuable seventh member of any team that we have ever had.



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Jr. Olympic

Ned Crossley

It was my distinct pleasure to participate again in the USGF Junior Olympics Championships at the University of Wisconsin — Oshkosh on July 7-8, 1978. Mr. Ken Allen ran the sixth edition of this annual meet. Although Ken had never seen the format or the quality and quantity of the gymnasts in previous Junior Olympic meets, he certainly did superior meet organization to make the meet the overall job again. The meet site was spacious and the meals and lodging only a block away. "Hiss off" to Ken Allen who had a "pat" built and ready to go for the young men and the training camp.

Now for the gymnasts and the competition. Thirty-two intermediates (qualifying score 80) and sixty-five advanced (85 qualifying score) all showed up at their own expense to compete in the two day competition. Jim Hanung and Phil Cahoy, Jr. were not present as they have moved up to the Senior National Team. The numbers were a bit less than the 1977 meet in Colorado, however, the qualifying scores were five points higher and a lot of intermediates had moved up to 15-18 year olds. Essentially it was the same "hot shoes" like Stout, Meeker, Babcock, Wilco, Fox, Cano, Bispiel, and Mikus in the advanced division and Campbell, the Hayden twins, Riegel, and the Bower twins in the intermediates. These fine young gymnasts have been to several previous Junior Olympic meets as well as their coaches so that big time all-around is a way of life to them. They use the USGF boys campbushies as their daily lesson plans so to speak. Of course, the competition was intense to say the least. Trips to South Africa, the National Sports Festival in Colorado, a free two week training camp with Miss Watanabe in residence, trophies, and membership on the National Junior Team were "at stake." No other meet in the United States has so much to do with the future of USA gymnastics for men. Believe me, the USGF Junior Olympics is the guiding light in many respects to the improvement of men's gymnastics in the USA. The nice part about the competition was that everyone is an all-arounder, everyone does compulsories, and everyone is working basically 12 months per year. These three factors are overwhelmingly evident. The two day meet format has two judges per event, six events at a time, and the gymnasts divided into six equal groups. The intermediates went at 10 a.m. and the advanced at 2 p.m. both days. The warm-up period was controlled in hour warm-up in 15 minute blocks with rotating

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groups. The intermediate session took one hour and forty minutes and the advanced too two and one half hours to complete. Super short sessions. Each squad was lead by a squad leader and squad scorekeeper. The future seems to be in the six events at one time with everyone an all arounders. Certainly the quality and quantity of the USGF Junior Olympic Nationals should not be overlooked as well as the meet format for both NCAA and high school possibilities.

the advanced top ten all arounders making the training camp were as follows.

Name	Total Score	State	Coach
1. Peter Sout	108	10FL	Don Gutaler
2. Brian Mecker	105.30	MIN	Fred Roethlisberger
3. Brian Babcock	104.25	KS	Mike Thomas

4. Scott Wilce	104.00	KY
5. Ben Fox	103.85	IL
6. Joey Ray	100.50	IL
7. Mark Case	102.65	NY
8. Matt Biespiel	102.55	TX
9. Jim Mikey	102.55	PA
10. Roy Palasio	102.10	CA

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The intermediate top ten all-arounders making the training camp were as follows:

Name	Total Score	State	Coach
1. Robbie Campbell	102.20	NJ	Jim Sargent
2. Daniel Hayden	101.05	NY	Bob Rine
3. Dennis Hayden	101.45	NY	Bob Rine
4. Chris Riegel	98.20	NY	Larry Moyer



From L-R.—front row, Yoshie Hayasaki, Larry Moyer, Ken Allen and Don Gutaler. Back Row, Don Hayden, Ben Fox, Don Osborne, Mike Booth, Rob Campbell, Bob

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Each competitor and gymnast is to be congratulated for a superior meet. The top ten advanced all-arounders captured 27 out of 36 individual medals and the top ten intermediate all-arounders captured 35 out of 36 individual medals. Similarly, at the 1978 NCAA's, 52% of the finalists in seven events were all-arounders. The compulsories were done quite well. The more experienced gymnasts and coaches had done their homework in many of the small areas of artistic gymnastics like holding handstands, form, sticking landings, and virtuosity. The compulsory accuracy in the performers was great especially since Fred Turoff and Bill Foster did the judges deductions in the Supplement to the Compulsory Exercises. Their book and efforts were an evident improvement in the 1978 approach to better compulsories. Twenty-five advanced gymnasts scored 50 points plus in the compulsories. The intermediates had had 10 out of 32 score 50 plus. The "watered down" versions of the 1980 Olympic Compulsory Exercises are providing wonderful guidance to both gymnasts and coaches. They do relate and later they will make the harder transition to difficulty easier. To me, the highlight of the meet was the compulsory excellence and the improvement over 1977 in general.

The optionals were astonishing. Big moves with RISK. Some original looking parts and combinations were shown. The optionals were so good that if a USGF program all around gymnast with the experience of the Junior Olympic Nationals under his belt enters a state high school meet; consider him the winner. Most of these gymnasts have transferred ancient high school rules, format, and scope. Likewise, these young men are the college stars of the future. Of the current young men on the USA World Championship Team, four have been involved in the USGF Junior Olympics and the training camps directly. I personally encourage those coaches and gymnasts to get going in this program for beginning to advanced boys.

On floor exercise, there were at least 15-20 double backs. A RO, FF, in twisting back step-out, RO in twisting dive roll was done by Reigel, an intermediate. Floor exercise was the best event by far.

The pommel horse determined the meet. The USA needs to use "mushrooms" (Russians use intermediate horses shaped like "mushrooms" so train circles first). The level of virtuosity is low here but the attempted level of risk was high. Many gymnasts resorted to "twist" techniques.

The still rings were superb for young gymnasts. They seem to learn to swing first, then learn the strength moves. Many holds both ways were seen with double backs "a dime a dozen." The "ole hold handstand" was the most violated fundamental. Raw strength seems to be absent from such high level young gymnasts at this level. We need to learn the skills of the best arm straight body presses and the handstand. By far I felt the rings and the pommel horse need USA attention. By the way, fiberglass AMP rings were used quite successfully.

Faulting showed excellent handsprings compulsorys. Intermediates need to pay special attention to turning on the cartwheel & vault; the Tsukahara piked was common with some great front handspring frosts also.

The parallel bars were lacking that raw strength again. The number of "C" dismounts were many. Most swing moves were done quite nicely but were not without strength. Much compulsory overlap could be seen. Stutes and peaches need to be swung to the maximum more often in training.

The horizontal bar was exciting with much virtuosity. Many good all-arounders need jam-eagles, however. The Jaeger of Stout's and Price's "moon salt" were the best moves. Salders are fundamental. Many double flyaways were seen as resultants of the compulsory flyaways.

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was injured. Both are not likely. How do you explain or answer when a truly great sponsor asks about "why?" and there is no real answer.

20th Century lost probably more than \$100,000 in promotional costs that they will not recover. Programs were 95% printed and arenas were rented and tickets printed and sold, and newspaper ads paid for. This is the second time the Romanians have agreed to come and the second time (out of three planned trips) they have cancelled. The first time, the USGF carried the expenses for that cancellation. Now, with no alternative at all, we can scarcely ever invite the Romanians again. How could we expect a legitimate company to trust them to arrive? It was a tragedy... for gymnastics. Twentieth Century Fox Sports is a large and progressive company that will do many good things in sports in years to come, including hopefully with the USGF. There are surely some arenas that don't want to talk about a gymnastic event for some time.

In the meantime something must be done to stop this type of action and yet not close the door entirely on invitations to nations that we enjoy hosting. 1979 will see a step towards at least an initial solving of that problem area.

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The World Championships held in Strasbourg, France were the most successful ever for the United States. Not only did we move our teams upwards two positions in the team rankings (the men were fourth, and the women fifth just, 35 behind fourth) we won three medals in all, during the individual events finals. Historically, we had never won a medal until young Cathy Rigby won her silver medal on the beam in October of 1970. It was that same event, where the FIG Congress voted the USGF in as member of FIG. In the eight years (to the month) that followed we felt our gymnastics program was not only growing, but improving as well. In early 1978 we began to win some medals in some places that normally never saw Americans winning. Moscow, Bucharest, London, Tokyo . . . we started not picking up bronze medals but rather, gold medals here and there. Not only the girls . . . but the men gymnasts as well.

In the individual event finals Kurt Thomas won the Gold Medal in Floor Exercise, and for the first time in the 80 years history of the event, the USA's National Anthem was played at a World Gymnastics Championships. Later that same day, Marcia Fredericks won a Gold Medal on the Uneven Bars and we heard that anthem for the second time. Then Kathy Johnson tied for 5rd to win the Bronze Medal in the Floor Exercise. Perhaps of less noticeable significance was the fact that so many American gymnasts were getting scores of 9.80, 9.75 and 9.90. Marcia received 9.95 in the finals on the bars. Not in rare instances, nor restricted to the men or the women, but both teams . . . and many times the scores that historically were reserved for others were awarded to American gymnasts.

Much can be said, but it is a tribute to every aspect of the sport and, to some degree, the USGF. To all those who worked to make an organization that was viable and could afford to promote a sport that long deserved the right to that promotion. To AMF, and Dial Soap for helping make the experiences that preceded France possible for our gymnasts. To the USOC for their support in the ventures that led to our training camps and foreign exchanges. To the coaches who knew it could come to us, and stayed with it until we now see at least the beginning. I believe it is a beginning and we hope to improve every aspect of our program leading up to 1979 and 1980. It was a distinct and somewhat moving experience to have seen it. At last.



American Medal Winners



Kathy Johnson



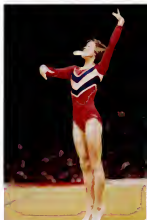
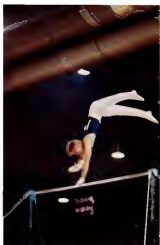
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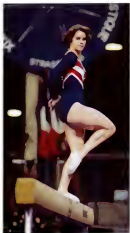
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World Championship Medal Winners

Women's Team Championships

	Comp.	Opt.	Total
1st Russia	194.00	194.75	388.75
2nd Romania	192.25	192.00	384.25
3rd E. Germ.	191.10	191.15	382.25

Men's Team Championships

	Comp.	Opt.	Total
1st Japan	290.15	289.70	579.85
2nd Russia	287.20	291.75	578.95
3rd E. Germ.	285.00	286.75	571.75

Women's All Around Championships

	Points
1st Mukhina, Elena (Russia)	78.725
2nd Kim, Nelli (Russia)	78.575
3rd Shaposhnikova, Natalia (Russia)	77.875

Men's All Around Championships

	Points
1st Andrianov, Nikolai (Russia)	117.200
2nd Kuromatsu, Eizo (Japan)	116.550
3rd Dutsin, Aleksandre (Russia)	116.375

Women's Event Final

	Points
Side Horse Vault	
1st Kim, Nelli (Russia)	19.625
2nd Comaneci, Nadia (Romania)	19.600
3rd Kraker, Stefli (E. Germany)	19.550
Uneven Bars	
1st Frederick, Marsha (USA)	19.800
2nd Mukhina, Elena (Russia)	19.725
3rd Eberle, Emilia (Romania)	19.625
Balance Beam	
1st Comaneci, Nadia (Romania)	19.625
2nd Mukhina, Elena (Russia)	19.600
3rd Eberle, Emilia (Romania)	19.575
Floor Exercise	
1st Kim, Nelli (Russia)	19.775
1st Mukhina, Elena (Russia)	19.775
3rd Johnson, Kathy (USA)	19.525

Men's Event Final

	Points
Floor Exercise	
1st Thomas, Kurt (USA)	19.650
(from Indiana State University)	
2nd Kasamatsu, Shigeru (Japan)	19.575
3rd Dutsin, Aleksandre (Russia)	19.400
Pommel Horse	
1st Magyar, Zoltan (Hungary)	19.800
2nd Cienger, Eberhard (W. Germany)	19.425
3rd Delchev, Stetan (Bulgaria)	19.400
Rings	
1st Andrianov, Nikolai (Russia)	19.700
2nd Dutsin, Aleksandre (Russia)	19.675
3rd Grecu, Danut (Romania)	19.650
Vaulting	
1st Shumzu, Junichi (Japan)	19.600
2nd Andrianov, Nikolai (Russia)	19.575
3rd Barthel, Ralph (E. German)	19.550
Parallel Bars	
1st Kuromatsu, Eizo (Japan)	19.600
2nd Andrianov, Nikolai (Russia)	19.575
2nd Kajiyama, Hiroji (Japan)	19.575
Horizontal Bar	
1st Kasamatsu, Shigeru (Japan)	19.675
2nd Cienger, Eberhard (W. Germany)	19.650
3rd Delchev, Stetan (Bulgaria)	19.600
3rd Krystin, Gennadi (Russia)	19.600

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's All Around Final Results

	Name	Country	Fl. ES	Side B.	Rings	Vault	P. Bars	H. Bar	TOTAL
1	ANDRIANOV, NIKOLAI	URS	9.85	9.70	9.80	9.85	9.75	9.85	117.200
2	KENMOTSU, ERO	JAP	9.60	9.75	9.80	9.60	9.80	9.75	116.500
3	DITAHIN, ALEXSANDRE	URS	9.60	9.75	9.70	9.80	9.75	9.80	116.375
4	GRENGER, EBERHARD	BEA	9.65	9.75	9.65	9.60	9.70	9.80	116.200
5	KAJIYAMA, HIROJI	JAP	9.55	9.70	9.60	9.80	9.70	9.60	115.900
6	THOMAS, KURT	USA	9.80	9.75	9.60	9.60	9.65	9.75	115.725
7	KASAMATSU, SHIGERU	JAP	9.75	8.80	9.70	9.70	9.75	9.80	115.625
8	DELICHEY, STOMAN	BUL	9.75	9.55	9.60	9.60	9.75	9.90	115.225
9	CONNOR, BART	USA	9.60	9.80	9.55	9.70	9.65	9.40	115.200
10	NIKOLAY, MICHAEL	RDA	9.40	9.80	9.50	9.80	9.70	9.75	115.175
11	TRACHEV, ALEXSANDRE	URS	9.75	8.70	9.70	9.80	9.75	9.85	115.075
12	MAGYAR, ZOLTAN	HON	9.55	9.85	9.80	9.75	9.70	9.65	115.050
13	BRUCKNER, ROLAND	RDA	9.60	9.70	9.80	9.75	9.60	9.70	114.775
14	BARTHEL, RALPH	RDA	9.80	9.50	9.55	9.70	9.65	9.40	114.650
15	KOVACS, PETER	HON	9.65	9.50	9.55	9.75	9.60	9.70	114.200
16	DONATH, FERENC	HON	9.50	9.65	9.65	9.20	9.85	9.60	113.950
17	ROHRWICK, VOLKER	BEA	9.40	9.50	9.50	9.65	9.60	9.60	113.925
	MOY, WILLIE	FRA	9.70	9.70	9.60	9.75	9.20	9.65	113.925
19	BRETSCHER, ROBERT	SWI	9.60	9.60	9.50	9.85	9.50	9.55	113.870
20	WILSON, MIKE	USA	9.80	9.70	9.40	9.75	9.45	9.50	113.800
21	BOERD, HENRY	FRA	9.90	9.55	9.55	9.60	9.35	9.80	113.475
22	BOUTARD, MICHEL	FRA	9.55	9.70	9.55	9.50	9.60	9.65	113.325
23	SOLLER, KURT	ROM	9.55	9.55	9.40	9.70	9.35	9.65	112.975
24	GRIEU, DANUT	ROM	9.15	9.60	9.70	9.20	9.40	9.50	112.900
25	CHRICHEA, ION	ROM	9.60	9.60	9.50	9.70	9.30	9.50	112.375
26	TAUAK, JIRI	TCH	9.65	9.50	9.50	9.70	9.45	9.50	112.350
27	JOREK, EDGAR	BEA	9.65	9.00	8.85	9.70	9.50	9.45	112.030
28	LUNG, WARREN	CAN	9.45	9.90	9.80	9.75	9.00	9.60	112.125
29	STAJNA, ANDRZEJ	POL	9.60	9.60	8.95	9.80	9.50	9.65	112.000
30	SCHMID, PETER	SWI	9.20	9.65	9.60	9.60	9.50	9.35	111.450
31	MICHAU, JAN	TCH	9.45	9.45	9.25	9.65	8.70	9.60	111.325
32	GAILLE, PHILIPPE	SWI	9.30	9.10	9.15	9.40	9.50	9.40	111.000
33	MIRIBRANDA, FERNANDO	ESP	9.40	9.50	9.35	9.80	9.00	9.40	110.950
34	NEALE, IAN	GBR	9.50	9.15	8.55	9.60	8.70	9.50	110.600
35	CHOQUETTE, JEAN	CAN	9.50	9.40	8.75	9.50	9.00	9.65	110.550
36	DE LA CASA, JUAN JOSE	ESP	9.50	9.25	8.85	9.80	8.90	9.50	110.525

Women's All Around Final Results

	Name	Country	Vault	Une. B.	Beam	Floor	TOTAL
1	MUKHINA, ELENA	URS	9.90	9.80	9.85	9.85	78.725
2	KIM, NELLI	URS	9.90	9.80	9.80	9.85	78.575
3	SHAPOSHNIKOVA, NATALIA	URS	9.85	9.85	9.40	9.80	77.875
4	COMANECI, NADIA	ROM	9.90	9.25	9.80	9.80	77.725
5	EBERLE, EMILIA	ROM	9.70	9.75	9.25	9.65	77.500
6	CERNA, VERA	TCH	9.70	9.55	9.80	9.70	77.025
7	KRAEER, STEFFI	RDA	9.80	9.80	9.55	9.55	76.850
8	JOHNSON, KATHY	USA	9.80	9.60	9.25	9.90	76.825
9	SCHWANDT, RHONDA	USA	9.85	9.80	9.05	9.80	76.650

10	KALMAR, ZSUZSA	HON	9.70	9.65	9.70	9.59	76.600
11	HINDORFF, SILVIA	RDA	9.65	9.20	9.70	9.55	76.400
12	OVARI, EVA	HUN	9.40	9.65	9.65	9.59	76.375
13	BRZDLOWA, DANA	TCH	9.35	9.75	9.65	9.45	76.325
14	NEACSEU, MAKINELA	ROM	9.20	9.60	9.55	9.65	76.275
15	SUS, BERGIT	RDA	9.55	9.80	9.60	9.65	76.225
16	MARECKOVA, EVA	TCH	9.75	9.60	9.40	9.65	76.000
17	KELSALL, KAREN	CAN	9.55	9.65	9.50	9.50	75.675
18	MATRASZEK, LUCJA	POL	9.50	9.60	9.45	9.55	75.600
19	KANYO, EVA	HON	9.75	9.65	9.50	9.50	75.575
20	FREDRICK, MARCIA	USA	9.70	9.80	9.60	9.70	75.500
21	MICHLER, ANNETTE	RFA	9.55	9.65	9.45	9.55	75.575
22	SCHLEGEL, ELFI	CAN	9.60	9.25	9.35	9.60	75.275
23	KANO, YAYU	JAP	9.60	9.65	9.50	9.55	75.125
24	NOZAWA, SAKIKO	JAP	9.45	9.65	9.55	9.50	75.000
	KURBUWEIT, PETRA	RFA	9.45	9.60	9.50	9.50	75.000
26	TOIFL, ANETTE	RFA	9.65	9.65	9.45	9.55	74.875
27	GEOROVA, IRENA	BUL	9.45	9.50	9.55	9.45	74.750
28	MATSUMOTO, YOSHIKO	JAP	9.60	9.65	9.55	9.55	74.725
29	KESLER, ROMY	GER	9.60	9.40	9.35	9.50	74.400
30	GLOUHICHEVA, BILIANA	BUL	9.50	9.65	9.50	9.40	74.125
31	VALENTINI, MONICA	ITA	9.50	9.40	9.50	9.50	74.000
32	TOPALOVA, SYLVIA	BUL	9.40	9.70	9.40	9.45	74.00
33	HAWCO, SHERRY	CAN	9.50	9.35	9.45	9.65	73.950
34	SOSIN, MALGORZATA	POL	9.45	9.45	9.50	9.40	73.825
35	BOLLEGOOM, INGRID	HOL	9.55	9.50	9.75	9.50	73.750
36	MORATA, AURORA	ESP	9.55	9.50	9.50	9.40	73.685

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World Championships

Men's Team Competition Final Results

		Floor	Vol. El.	Rings	Vault	Par. B.	Hor. B.	Comp. Ex.	Opp. Ex.	TOTAL
1	JAP	48.70 47.70	41.30 41.90	48.70 48.65	47.15 49.80	48.95 47.80	48.35 48.15	280.05	289.70	579.85
2	USA	48.15 48.75	40.60 40.30	48.70 48.75	47.80 48.45	47.95 48.35	48.00 48.75	280.30	289.75	579.95
3	RUS	48.25 48.15	41.45 41.35	48.40 47.40	47.70 48.05	48.65 47.40	48.55 47.60	280.80	288.75	579.55
4	UKR	47.55 48.20	41.30 41.80	48.70 47.55	47.35 48.15	47.20 48.70	47.50 47.40	283.10	285.00	568.10
5	ITA	47.90 47.60	40.35 41.55	47.70 47.45	47.45 48.65	48.40 48.00	47.50 48.00	282.25	281.65	563.90
6	HUN	47.40 47.75	40.80 41.30	47.55 48.00	46.75 48.05	47.10 48.95	48.80 47.05	282.10	281.30	563.40
7	ROM	46.90 47.65	41.45 41.25	48.25 47.65	46.50 48.20	48.65 45.00	48.30 47.15	279.05	281.70	560.75
8	FRA	46.60 47.15	41.45 41.30	45.65 48.70	46.05 48.00	48.25 47.45	45.80 47.85	278.80	280.30	559.10
9	CHN	46.35 47.15	40.30 41.35	46.25 46.15	47.20 47.60	48.05 48.35	48.05 48.00	279.40	279.40	558.80
10	GRO	45.10 47.60	41.55 40.60	45.45 47.40	46.70 48.00	48.55 48.45	48.50 45.35	271.65	279.40	551.05
11	FIN	46.15 47.15	41.80 40.45	48.70 46.10	46.50 48.80	48.45 48.20	48.40 45.30	271.60	276.20	547.80
12	BUL	45.90 47.75	41.25 40.45	45.10 48.50	45.90 47.75	48.15 48.25	48.45 48.60	269.45	279.40	548.85
13	ESP	46.40 46.50	41.45 41.50	48.60 46.10	46.20 48.20	48.55 48.55	48.25 45.70	270.40	271.95	542.35
14	CAN	46.65 46.55	40.45 40.40	45.10 46.20	46.10 47.00	48.25 48.80	48.35 48.00	270.40	272.85	543.25
15	CZE	46.90 47.45	41.15 41.45	45.20 48.75	46.45 48.05	48.50 48.35	48.00 47.65	268.45	271.90	540.35
16	NOR	45.65 45.60	40.35 41.50	47.40 45.75	45.75 46.85	48.30 48.10	48.15 48.45	268.00	270.60	538.60
17	GBR	45.80 46.50	41.45 42.75	48.70 47.45	45.85 46.75	48.35 48.45	48.90 45.70	261.90	271.00	532.90
18	ITA	46.10 45.50	40.30 40.75	48.15 47.40	46.85 47.00	48.60 48.00	48.70 48.00	261.70	260.90	522.60
19	AUS	45.45 46.30	41.75 42.45	48.90 48.50	45.95 46.00	48.65 48.70	48.50 48.60	261.40	261.45	522.85
20	GER	46.25 46.45	40.40 40.45	46.30 46.50	46.05 46.80	48.70 48.90	48.55 48.50	272.45	251.00	523.45
21	CHN	46.05 45.10	40.60 40.15	48.45 48.70	46.10 48.10	48.50 48.35	48.10 48.00	260.40	261.65	522.05
22	ARM	46.60 46.15	41.20 40.45	48.00 48.45	45.95 48.15	48.50 48.40	48.90 48.75	261.75	248.80	510.55

World Championships

Women's Team Competition Final Results

		Final	Plac. B	Recess	Place	Comp. Pl.	Appl. Pl.	TOTAL
1	USA	18.71 18.98	18.70 18.70	18.41 18.60	18.90 18.80	191.80	191.75	383.55
2	ROU	18.83 18.28	18.50 17.33	18.65 18.31	17.75 17.64	182.34	182.80	365.14
3	RDA	18.88 18.01	17.35 17.68	17.80 17.90	17.95 18.00	191.80	191.18	382.98
4	ROU	18.50 17.26	17.45 17.09	17.59 18.05	17.18 16.89	189.05	188.75	377.80
5	USA	18.80 18.51	18.00 17.98	18.25 18.85	17.00 17.05	187.05	186.85	373.90
6	ECU	18.90 18.63	18.70 17.00	18.85 18.68	17.75 17.45	188.30	188.65	376.95
7	JAP	18.56 18.68	17.68 17.55	18.55 18.55	18.98 18.18	185.30	185.40	370.70
8	CAN	18.53 18.81	17.59 18.40	18.50 18.88	18.85 18.78	181.80	181.50	363.30
9	RFA	18.68 18.70	18.00 17.35	18.75 18.80	18.85 17.98	189.80	189.65	369.45
10	FRG	18.19 18.81	18.55 17.08	18.40 18.01	18.85 17.88	182.80	181.85	364.65
11	PCU	18.70 18.50	18.50 17.55	18.90 18.85	18.05 18.88	185.54	185.80	361.34
12	GBA	17.75 18.01	18.70 18.28	18.80 18.80	18.00 18.18	181.35	182.68	364.03
13	IND	18.65 18.50	17.68 18.35	18.35 18.40	18.00 18.88	180.85	180.75	361.60
14	ITA	18.74 18.50	18.45 18.40	18.85 18.88	18.08 18.08	180.55	180.55	361.10
15	NET	18.98 17.48	18.85 18.00	18.98 18.55	18.55 18.85	180.30	180.05	360.35
16	GBR	18.50 18.88	18.85 18.48	18.35 18.80	18.15 18.05	178.85	178.85	357.70
17	NOB	18.35 18.00	18.85 18.30	18.45 18.00	18.15 18.88	178.30	177.45	355.75
18	ESP	18.88 18.88	18.40 18.00	18.50 18.35	18.15 18.08	178.80	178.65	357.45
19	GBR	18.08 18.15	18.15 18.85	18.85 18.15	18.88 18.88	175.85	175.70	351.55
20	ITA	18.88 18.98	18.08 18.88	18.85 18.30	18.88 18.85	175.30	171.50	346.80
21	NET	18.58 18.88	18.80 18.58	18.75 18.80	18.00 18.00	175.15	173.85	349.00
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Taiwan Games

Robin J. Metwall

As we were ready to board the plane to Taiwan, Gigi Ambados, Rick Adams and I were a little nervous. This was the first time the United States was invited to participate in gymnastic competitions in Taiwan and we didn't know what to expect. Our questions were soon answered as we deplaned after our thirteen hour plane ride. We were greeted warmly by our interpreter, photographers, and reporters. Our interpreter told us a little bit about the next two weeks. We learned that Rick and Gigi and four U.S.A. swimmers were the only other athletes participating in the Games besides the Taiwanese. The Taiwan Games is held once a year and is very similar to the Olympic Games. We were told we were here to exhibit and to share our knowledge of our sport.

After going through customs in Taipei, we were on our way. At our motel each person was assigned their own room with a refrigerator stocked with drinks and plenty of snacks. We then all met in the restaurant for our first Chinese meal. It was quite an experience when you are used to eating hamburgers and hotdogs and also eating with a fork. We adjusted very quickly to the type of food and the chopsticks. I can't begin to say enough about their hospitality. The people were so warm and friendly, and they just couldn't do enough for us. They treated us like kings and queens.

The next day we worked out in Taipei. The facility and equipment were not good. The beam was wood with a rug covering, the bars were old type wood rails, the free-x pad was very hard, there was just an old wood board, and there were no crash pads. Gigi and Rick tumbled a little and stretched out.

After workout we flew to Tainan where the Taiwan Games would be held. Our motel in Tainan was very nice. We even had a swimming pool. We had an hour before we were to be

hosted at a dinner given by the mayor. Every evening we were hosted by some official from the city or the Gynmastic Federation. The meals were fantastic. The food just kept coming. At each meal there were no less than ten courses.

Gigi and Rick got their first good workout the next day. When we arrived at the gym all the students were waiting at the door and as we entered, they applauded. Gigi and Rick didn't have to lift a finger. Everytime we moved mats or bars they were right there assisting us. The students were awed by Rick and Gigi. The equipment at this gym was all AMF except for the free-x mat and the stuther board. The mat was pieces of rubber stuck together and the board was wood.

The next morning, after breakfast, we met with the mayor. There were reporters and television people there while the mayor welcomed us and gave us mementums of the city. We then gave a little speech and presented the mayor with pins and patches. As we exited the mayor's office, we were greeted at the door with a boy scout band and more photographers. We were treated like royalty. Everyday was filled with something to do. Today we went to a Chinese Art Exhibit and a Concert.

Today is the start of the Games. The opening ceremonies was just like the Olympics. It started out with ten bands marching around the stadium. As soon as they were assembled in the center, they all played to welcome the eight thousand athletes that were to participate in the next five days. The athletes were from all over Taiwan and from every sport. After the athletes marched in a lot of speeches were made, then the torches were carried in. One man and one woman ran around the track, met in the middle, ran up the steps, and lit the giant torch. Just like the Olympics! Thousands of balloons and pigeons were let loose and the bands played. It was beautiful. After the athletes were led off the field the entertainment began. Thousands of school children did routines in unison. It was

Taiwan Games Continued

amazing. They must have worked very long and hard for this big event. The whole thing lasted about two and a half hours.

After the opening ceremonies we headed for the gym. Today was compulsories for the men. Rick and Gigi were only supposed to exhibit in finals but we decided they would exhibit every day. The men and women performed the 1976 Olympic Compulsories. Rick performed last on each event. He was first introduced, welcomed warmly, exhibited, and then given a hearty round of applause. They really liked him. Rick did an outstanding job in compulsories. The men were not very strong. They had one or two good gymnasts. It was sad watching them struggle through their routines.

The following day Gigi competed compulsories. She also did a very fine job. The crowd loved her. They couldn't believe how tiny and young she was. Both Gigi and Rick were not scored on compulsories because the judges did not know the routines. The girls look a little better than the men. Bars was about the strongest. The Tainan team was by far the best team. All the coaches are volunteer in Taiwan. I feel if they were more knowledgeable and had better equipment, they could have some very strong gymnasts. Tonight we were hosted by the Taiwan Swimming Association. We learned tonight that every time a new dish is brought in you have to toast.

Today was optionals. The men competed first. Rick competed side horse and rings. On rings he scored a 9.35. Before competing side horse, he had to do a routine for television. It was excellent. Then he competed and had one break and scored an 8.85. The mens optionals were not much better than their compulsories. They were not prepared to do the difficulty they were trying to throw. The first round for the women was not good. They all used the same floor music and most girls used only the low bar on bars. The second round was much better. They had good stock bar routines, aerials on beam, a few task vaults, and a couple full twists

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on floor. Gigi competed bars and beam. On bars she over shot her back stalter from high to front stalter on low bar but managed to pull it out. She scored an 8.5. On beam she had a fall on her backhandspring back tuck and scored a 9.15. The rest of the routine was excellent. In the evening we attended a big bonfire and fireworks. There was lots of singing and all the Americans had to get up and dance and sing with Snow White and her Seven Dwarfs. It was a lot of fun.

Well, today was finals and the day started at 4:45 A.M. We had to leave the motel at 7:00 A.M. and begin competition at 8:00 A.M. The whole meet was very informal. They didn't have any opening ceremonies or introductions. When everyone was done warming up, we started competing. The top six on each event competed. Gigi started on vaulting and won the event with a 8.9 on a handspring full. The girls throwing tucks had a little problem because their boards were out too far. Apparently, some Tainan official made a rule that the board must be a certain distance from the horse. Gigi scored a 8.6 on bars, 9.05 on beam, and a 9.5 on floor. After Gigi was done she did another set of compulsories so they could film her. Gigi's standings were: first on vault, first on floor, fourth on bars, and second on beam. Rick had a very good day all except for vaulting. He won rings, parallel bars, side horse, and high bar. He also placed second on floor. He had some difficulty vaulting on the wood board. The awards were presented by a number of different people, including me. I feel that both Gigi and Rick left the Taiwanese people with a very high respectable opinion of the United States gymnasts.

I can't begin to say enough about the Chinese people. It was very hard saying goodbye to our new found friends. I felt that Rick, Gigi, and myself were very, very lucky to be able to participate in the Taiwan Games and none of us will ever forget this most memorable experience.

Membership News

Since the Congress in October, we have been flooded with complaints concerning the new renewal system whereby all memberships would be due in January. Some of the criticism was quite valid and since we could not devise a system which was fair to all, we will continue with the present monthly renewals.

Hopefully, you will continue to let us know when a particular decision or judgment seems unfair or undesirable so that we will be able to serve you better.

Sincerely,

Linda Chencinski

National Chairman, USGF

Women's Committee

CORRECTION
PAGE 25 USGF
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W/ERC recommends to the USGFWTC dropping age requirement for Elite to 12 years. Could through regular procedure advance to Championships of the U.S.A. and receive ranking for international competition, but could not make the World Championships, Pan Am or Olympic Team.



Women's Competitive Schedule

Feb 8-9
 International Jr. Invitational
 Aerobics Convention Center
 Anaheim, California

Feb 18-17
 DIAL SELECTION MEET
 TUCSON, ARIZONA

March 8-10
 1st National Elite Men
 Robert Hansen, Moss Pavilion
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U.S.A. Represented Well on Canadian Tour

The Gymnastics Canada tour this year was a series of three meets beginning with an All-Around meet for men and women in Calgary Alberta on November 9th, followed by an individual event finals (competition No. 3) in Regina, Saskatchewan on November 11th for the top eight men and women in each event from the Calgary meet, and finally an All-Around meet for the Ontario Cup in Toronto, Ontario on November 14th. The meets were sponsored by Coca-Cola in Calgary and Toronto, and by Pioneer Life Assurance Co. in Regina.

The eighth place finisher in the World Game Trials was designated by the I.R.C. as the U.S. male representative. This resulted in Jay Whelan's participation. Once in Canada, all competitive, training, travel, housing and meal arrangements were taken care of for us perfectly. The Canadians in each location, Bryce Taylor (President of C.G.F.) and Carol Anne Lotheren (Women's C.G.F. Technical Director) were gracious hosts and took care of and anticipated our every need.

The competition in Calgary took place in the Calgary Stampede Corral over an ice rink as did all of the competitions. This is not the most desirable situation since it is cold down on the ice and all the competitors evidenced some discomfort, especially in Calgary where the temperature outside had dropped to 5 degrees F. Jay placed seventh in this meet with difficulty on P.H., Vault and P.B.. Warren Long of Canada won the meet.

In Regina, under competition number 3 judging, Jay tied for fourth on Vault, tied for second on P.H., tied for first on P.B. and was second on H.B.. He would have been second in the A.A. had an A.A. score been kept. Jay's improved standing was a result of a better performance on P.H. and P.B., at a better draw for position, and objective judging with individual events at stake rather than an allaround title.

The meet in Ontario was the big meet of the tour with the Ontario Cup at stake and 12,500 people in attendance at Maple Leaf Gardens. The meet was well choreographed and is much on the order of the America Cup. Jay placed sixth with an excellent job on five events and a fair job on rings.

Jay was truly a great representative of the U.S.A. Our eighth ranked gymnast can compete on equal footing anywhere in the world and Jay demonstrated this very well. Competitively and socially Jay is the finest goodwill ambassador that we could have sent; he is always in good humor, friendly and unquestionably the guy that the judges, gymnasts, and coaches on the tour enjoyed having around most. (I think every coach and gymnast on the tour asked him to visit their country next summer and to stay with them in their home.) I personally found Jay enjoyable to be with, highly competitive, and most receptive to coaching.

Calgary Results

Name	Country	Vaulting	P.H.	Hs.	Hoops	Rings	P.H.	H.B.	All Around
Warren Long	Canada	9.55	9.50	9.05	8.85	9.20	9.60	9.60	10.00
Andrei Lev	U.S.S.R.	9.35	9.50	8.15	9.25	9.25	9.75	9.75	10.15
Arhan Mazon	Hungary	9.15	9.25	8.65	9.85	9.30	9.15	9.15	10.10
Andreas Hirsch	G.D.R.	9.35	9.25	8.15	9.25	9.25	9.45	9.45	10.21
John Breen	Great Britain	9.25	9.10	7.80	8.90	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.25
Jan Ninkovic	Czech	8.75	9.25	8.75	9.30	8.15	9.65	9.65	10.30
Joe Whelan	U.S.A.	8.65	9.15	9.05	9.00	8.80	9.40	9.40	10.35
Gregor Maderauer	Canada	8.65	9.15	8.85	9.80	8.45	8.60	8.60	10.40
P. Krasavich	I.R.C.	8.35	9.15	8.65	9.70	9.20	9.05	9.05	11.00

Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics

NOTES FROM F.I.G. CONGRESS

Norma Zabka

October 18-25

General Information

1. Mde. Maria Guigova (Bulgaria) was elected to replace Mde. Chicharenova (who was tragically killed in an air crash) on the Modern Rhythmic Technical Committee.

2. The supplement to the Code of Points, which is to provide theoretical info. on difficulties with all equipment, musical accompaniment, etc., is still in the process of being written. Mde. Gotsis announced that it is expected that the section on hoops, ball, and, perhaps, a third implement, and the chapter on group exercises will be ready by the end of the year.

3. Only Soviet judges will be permitted to judge in major competitions, such as the World Championships and European Championships, except in those cases where a country has no Soviet Judge and the Technical Committee gives special permission to an unlicensed judge.

4. The "Four Continents Championship" is the new name for the Pan-Pacific Championships.

5. World Championships (London, England) Schedule

July 1 - Arrive in London

July 2-4 - Practice

July 5 - Opening ceremonies and team competition

July 6-7 - Individual and one of these days, the team will compete again

July 8 - Finish of individual and group competition (afternoon)

6. Intercontinental Judges Course

Open to Soviet Judges only. 3 judges permitted to attend from each federation. There will be 3 language groups. Subjects include: basic techniques, physical technique, music, analysis of exercise composition, review of pre-scorable information and practice judging. Site and date not determined. Information in Bulletin going date and location was incorrect according to Mde. Gotsis.

7. 2 year program following 1979 World Championships.

- Individual ribbon, rope, hoop, clubs
- Group 3 balls, 3 ribbons

8. The Swiss proposal to have a list of prohibited elements prepared was accepted by the Assembly. The Technical Committee is to present the list for initial study at the European MRG Championships (Nov. 1978).

9. 1981 MRG World Championships - West Germany

10. 1982 Gymnasiade - Zurich, Switzerland

Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics

Code of Point Changes

1. Page 36: "Measurements, Dimensions, and Forms"

Material: Hemp or artificial rope, which has the look, lightness, and pliability of hemp.

3. Revise page 41 of F.I.G. Bulletin - June 1978 and add to page 10 of Code of Points under "Group Routine".

"After a brief regulation period following the taking up of their pieces by the gymnasts, the exercises need not commence with 6 gymnasts going into action simultaneously."

Comment: The previous rule required all 6 gymnasts to commence moving at once.

National Olympic Academy

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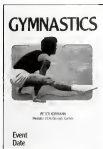
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